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Applicant: SARMA et al. Conf.: 5257
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For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES USEFUL FOR DIAGNOSIS OF
ASPERGILLUS FUMIGATUS AND A PROCESS OF PREPARING
THE SAME

PRELIMINARY REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated December 17, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated June 17, 2003, the following remarks and Rule 132 Declaration are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. A Request for Continued Examination Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being filed concurrently herewith.

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